

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3328
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SEA PLANE
Patil Shri Sanjay Dina

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. (PHHL) proposes to commence sea plane operations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Sector-wise; and
- (c) the capacity of this sea plane and the details of such planes purchased so far by PHHL?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. (PHHL) has introduced Seaplane services in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, as a Pilot Project to connect Port Blair & Havelock and other islands in North Andaman.

(c): A Seaplane has been taken on wet lease after a global tender to carry out Seaplane services by using Cessna 208A having a capacity of 2+8 passengers.